As no parameters have been laid down for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution, a decision has been taken to constitute a High Powered Body for laying down such a criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule. Action to constitute the proposed Body has already been initiated and the matter about inclusion of Maithili language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution would be considered in accordance with the criteria so evolved.

Success in resolving insurgency in Assam

2810. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have achieved any remarkable success in resolving the insurgency and militant problems of Assam; and

(b) the Government initiative in case of United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) According to available information, the number of violent incidents in the State of Assam has come down from 458 in 2001 to 412 in 2002. The Government have entered into ceasefire agreements with militant outfits such as United Peoples Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) and Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) operating in Assam. Government have also signed a Memorandum of Settlement with Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) on the 10th February, 2003 to resolve Bodo issues.

(b) The Government have extended an invitation to all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness to come forward for talks within the framework of our Constitution. The United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) have yet to come forward for peace talks.

Objectives for constituting Hindi Salahkar Samities

†2811. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the objectives behind constituting Hindi Salahkar Samities in various Ministries;

(b) the names of Ministries where this Samiti has been constituted and the names of those where it is not constituted or re-constituted indicating the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure the constitution of Samities and its regular meetings in all Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) With a view to render advice for proper implementation of Official Language Policy of the Union, provisions have been made for the constitution of Hindi Salahkar Samities in various Ministries/Departments.

(b) Details of Ministries/Departments where Hindi Salahkar Samities have been constituted are given at Statement-I (*See* below). Details of Ministries/Departments where Hindi Salahkar Samities have not been constituted/reconstituted are given at Statement-II (*See* below). Reason behind not being constituted/reconstituted of these Samities is that nomination of non-official members are to be obtained from Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Committee of Parliament on Official Language and voluntary organizations for constitution/reconstitution of Hindi Salahkar Samities. It takes time to complete the process by the concerned Ministry/Department.

(c) Ministries/Departments where Hindi Salahkar Samities have not been constituted/reconstituted or meeting thereof are not being held regularly, are requested from time to time by issuing communications at various levels for the constitution/reconstitution and convening the meetings of Hindi Salahkar Samities on regular basis.

Statement-I

Constituted/Hindi Salahkar Samities

Sl. No.	Ministries/Departments
1	2
1.	Ministry of Agriculture
2.	Ministry of Urban Development
3.	Ministry of Civil Aviation

1	2
4.	Deptt. of Tourism
5.	Deptt. of Atomic Energy+Deptt. of Space
6.	Deptt. of Coal
7.	Deptt. of Post
8.	Deptt. of Telecommunication
9.	Deptt. of Defence+Deptt. of Defence Research and Development
10.	Deptt. of Defence Production and Supply
11.	Ministry of Environment and Forests
12.	Ministry of External Affairs
13.	Deptt. of Economic Affairs+Company Affairs
14.	Deptt. of Revenue+Deptt. of Expenditure
15.	Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
16.	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
17.	Ministry of Home Affairs
18.	Deptt. of Elementary Education and Literacy+Deptt. of Secondary Education and Higher Education+Deptt. of Women and Child Development
19.	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
20.	Deptt. of Culture
21.	Deptt. of Industrial Policy and Promotion
22.	Deptt. of Heavy Industry+Deptt. of Public Enterprises
23.	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
24.	Ministry of Labour
25.	Ministry of Law & Justice
26.	Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources
27.	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
28.	Ministry of Planning
29.	Ministry of Power
30.	Ministry of Railway
31.	Ministry of Science and Technology and Deptt. of Ocean Development
32.	Ministry of Steel
33.	Ministry of Shipping
34.	Ministry of Textiles
35.	Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation

1	2

36. Ministry of Water Resources
37. Deptt. of Social Justice and Empowerment
38. Department of Information Technology
39. Ministry of Small Scale Industries
40. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
41. Ministry of Road Transport and National Highways

Statement-II

Names of Ministries/Deptts. where Hindi Salahkar Samities have not been constituted/reconstituted.

1. Ministry of Disinvestment
2. Deptt. of Commerce
3. Deptt. of Mines
4. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
5. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
6. Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers
7. Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries
8. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
9. Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Measures to curb lawlessness in Delhi

2812. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports captioned "lawlessness that rings Delhi, terror stalking high in the capital, travel to capital after dark at your own peril as several gangs have appeared their net of terror in the border areas" appearing in the press;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to control crimes; and

(c) any kind of action plan to win confidence of the public in the matter?